Abstract of the Invention

The invention provides methods of forcing recombination between polynucleotides. The methods can 5 include the steps of, (a) generating a single strand of a first polynucleotide; (b) generating a single strand of a second polynucleotide, wherein the second polynucleotide is partially complementary to the first polynucleotide;

(c) fragmenting the single strand of the first polynucleotide to generate single stranded first polynucleotide fragments; (d) fragmenting the single strand of the second polynucleotide to generate single stranded second polynucleotide fragments; (e) annealing the single stranded first polynucleotide fragments with the single stranded second polynucleotide fragments; and extending the annealed polynucleotide fragments.

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